MEMORANDUM February 21, 1964

TO: Howard Willens

FROM: David Slawson

SUBJECT: The Possibility of a New Informant in Mexico City

During the conference in your office on Thursday, February 20, we discussed the use of sources of information in Mexico City other than the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. We decided that rather than attempting piecemeal utilization of such other sources, we would first gather information as to the existence of such other sources and then try to use them in a coordinated manner, with full consultation among all the agencies concerned.

I therefore am bringing to your attention the existence of a possible informant for this purpose.

On pages 4-5 of Commission No. 351, which appears to be a portion of a memorandum of a telephone call from Abba Schwartz of the State Department to William McManus, of the Senate Internal Security Committee, it is stated that a man named "Al Tarabochia" claims to have a good contact who has connections at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. Mr. Tarabochia wants to know if the contact should inquire about Oswald's true purpose while at the Embassy there. The context indicates that this Tarabochia is an anti-Castro Cuban. Otherwise, I know nothing about him. If we want to explore the possibilities of using this informant, we should probably contact Mr. William McManus and get more detail from him.

I mentioned all this to you a few days ago, and you told me that you believed our files contained a letter from Senator Eastland or his staff on this general subject. The best efforts of Ruth Shirley have been unable to locate such a letter.